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SUBJECT: GOVERNOR BROWN AND LARRY KING: WORLD TEAM TENNIS
PROPOSAL WITH SOVIETS

REF: STATE 41716

1. GALENKO'S WEEKEND AND MONDAY PHONE CONVERSATIONS WITH KING HAVE SOLIDIFIED SOVIET TENNIS FEDERATION GROWING CONVICTION THAT WTT DRAWING BACK FROM CONFRONTATION WITH INTERNATIONAL TENNIS FEDERATION WHICH, APPARENTLY, REMAINS ADAMANTLY OPPOSED TO US-USSR MATCHES.

2. SOVIETS SAY THAT IN HIS MOSCOW DISCUSSIONS KING HAD INDICATED FULL AWARENESS SOVIET CONCERN THAT ITF APPROVE MATCHES AND ALSO AGREEMENT THAT WTT AND US FEDERATION WOULD WORK TOWARD THIS END. SOVIETS IN CONSTANT TOUCH WITH ITF, ACCORDING GALENKO, THOUGH HARDWICK IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND IN LONDON ON HIS RETURN FROM USA. SOVIETS ALSO TRYING BY PHONE ENCOURAGE KING AND MALLESS TAKE MORE AGGRESSIVE ROLES VIS A VIS ITF, WHICH GALENKO FEELS IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY AND COULD STILL CARRY THE DAY.

3. SOVIET FEDERATION WILL NOT REPEAT NOT PROCEED WITH MATCHES WITHOUT ITF APPROVAL, THOUGH POSTERS AND TICKETS
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ARE BEING PRINTED AND FEDERATION REMAINS KEENLY INTER-

ESTED THAT MATCHES TAKE PLACE.

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